



Electricity Oversight Board

Daily Report for Wednesday, May 28, 2003

On Wednesday, the CAISO sent out a stage 1 emergency notice and implemented Stage 1 of the Electrical Emergency Plan for Wednesday between the hours 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The CAISO request additional supplemental energy bids during this period and sent notice to restrict generation maintenance operation due to unforeseen high temperatures throughout the region. The peak price of \$188/MWh that occurred at 4:00 p.m. was predominantly the result of day-ahead load forecast that was lower than actual load by 16 percent. On Wednesday, the CAISO average zonal prices increased by sixty two percent at \$61.04/MWh sharply up from Tuesday's \$37.79/MWh. Other indicating factors point to lower prices:

- Lower natural gas price. The average natural gas price dropped by one percent at \$5.47/MMBtu on Wednesday down from \$5.52/MMBtu on Tuesday.
- Over-generation for the early morning hours contributed to lowering the average zonal price. The CAISO requested decremental energy bids in the amount of 500 MW for the hours between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The CAISO changed the transmission line capacity rating for the following branch groups: The California-Oregon-Intertie (COI) in the North-to-South direction was reduced from 4,200 MW to 3,900 MW for 2:00 p.m. and was reduced further to 3,600 MW between the hours 3 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. due to path limitations.

Figure 1 - SP15 & NP15 7-Day Rolling Average Prices

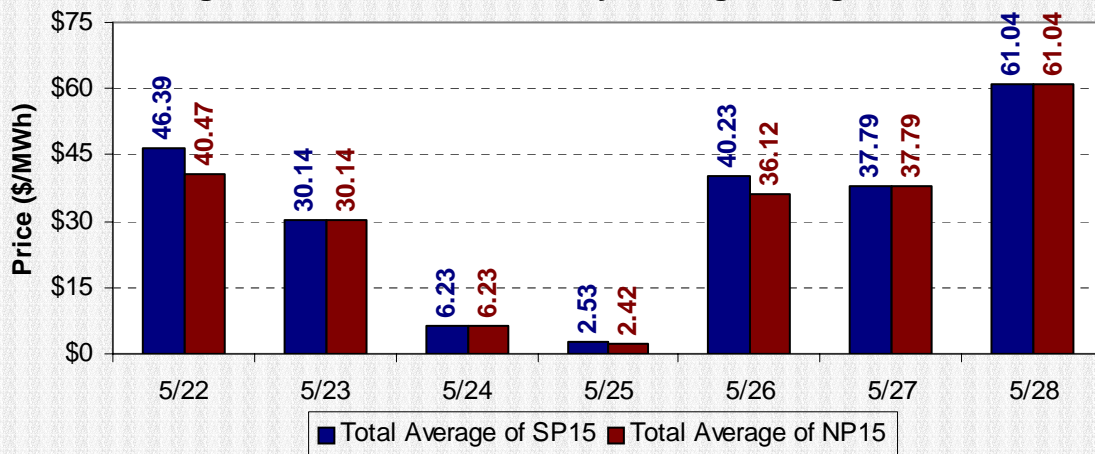
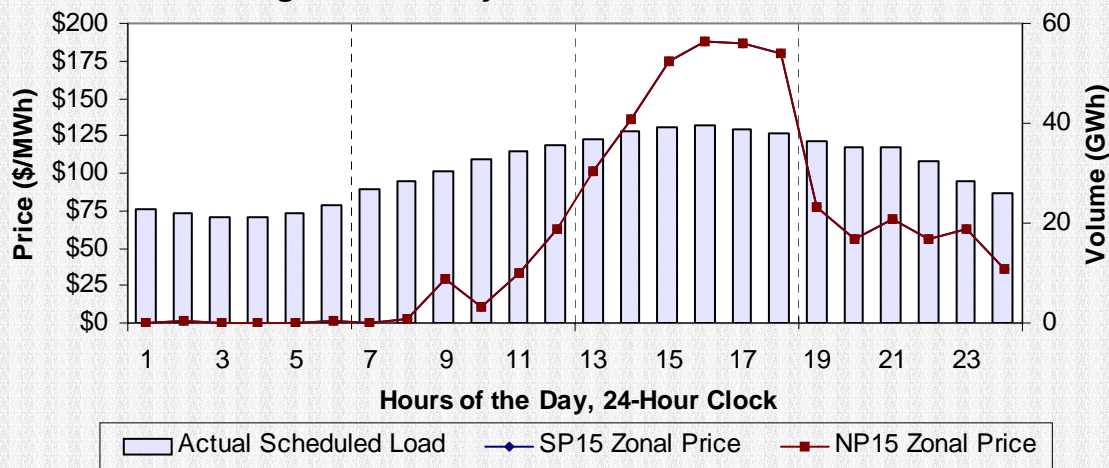


Figure 2 - Hourly Zonal Price and Volume





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Figure 3 - On-Peak Average Price by Market Area

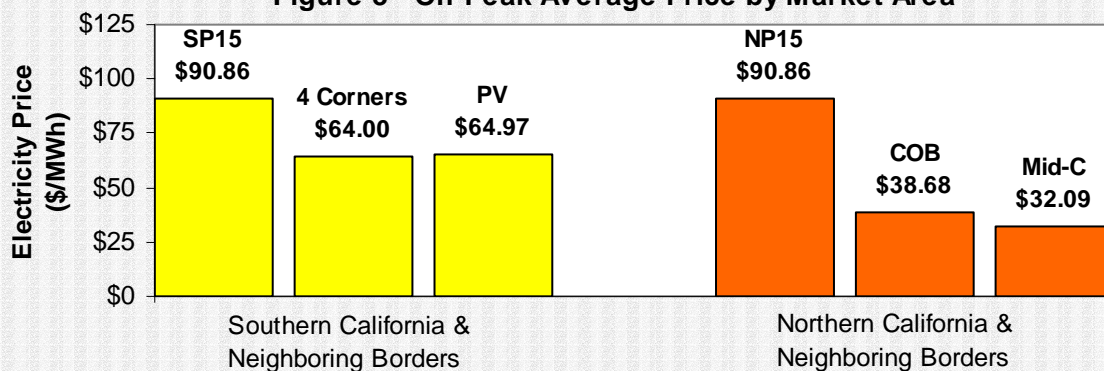


Figure 4 - Seven Day Snapshot of NP15 Zonal Price

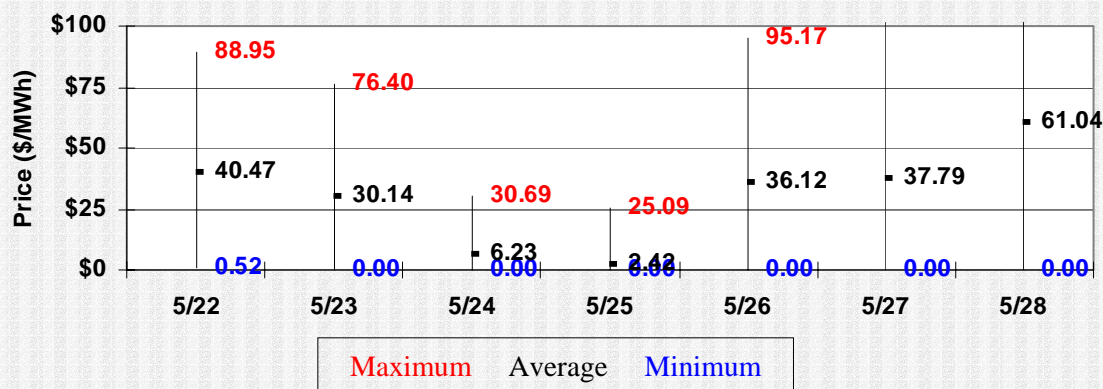


Figure 5 - Average Natural Gas Price

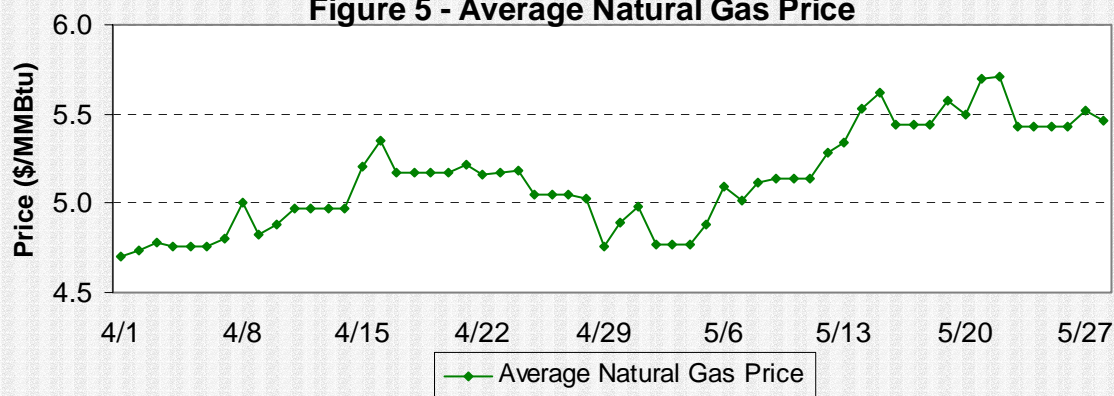


Figure 6 - Average Daily Zonal Price & Total Actual Load

